OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) The Income-tax Department conducted 2607 searches during 1-6-1990 to 30-11-1990 and assets of the value of Rs. 117. 80 crores were seized.

Information regarding searches carried out by DRI is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Number of branches of regional rural Banks in the country

879. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:
KUMARI ALIA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of branches of regional rural banks in the country and the number of employees and officers working there. State-wise; and

(b) wh: 't efforts are being made by these banks to strengthen the rural economy with special reference to their impact in the State of Madhya Pradesh?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) The State-wise number of branches of Regional Rural Banks and the num'ber of employees and officers working therein as on 31st March, 1990 (latest data available) is given i_n the Statement. *(see* below)

(b) The Regional Rural Banks have been making constant efforts for strengthening the rural economy of the country by progressive increase of deposits and advances to the target group comprising of small farmers, landless labourers, rural artisans, cottage and village industries etc. During the year ended March, 1990, all Regional Rural Banks put together, disbursed an amount of Rs, 1305. 66 crores in 37. 44 lakh accounts.

The total deposits and loans outstanding in respect of Regional Rural Banks in Madhya Pradesh as on 31st March, 1990 stood at Rs. 317. 31 crores in 27. 72 lakh deposit accounts and Rs. 268. 88 crores in 9. 47 lakh borrowal accounts respectively. The deposits and advances in the State of Madhya Pradesh have registered a growth of 29 per cent and 20 per cent over the previous year respectively. The number of villages served by 1600 branches of the Regional Rural Banks in Madhya Pradesh is about 22400 and the C: D ratio as on 31st March, 1990 of Regional Rural Banks functioning in Madhya Pradesh is 85 per cent.

Statement

SI. No.	S'ate/Union Territory	No. of Branches	No. of Employees 4	No. of Officers
1	2	3		5
1.	Arunachal Pradesh.	17	24	25
2.	Andhra Pradesh. . . .	1124	3967	1290
3.	Assam.	393	1122	437
4.	Bihar	1865	4665	1891
5.	Gujarat	425	797	484
6.	Haryana	329	1193	402
7.	Himachal Pradesh	120	421	99

1	2	3	4	5
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	256	792	305
9.	Karnataka. . . .	1095	4129	1390
10.	Kerala... ■ •	269	2060	511
11.	Madhya Pradesh.	1600	3830	1963
12.		636	1506	719
13.	Manipur. . . .	29	49	29
14.	Meghalaya	50	95	62
15.		60	77	61
16.	Nagaland...	8	10	10
17.		819	2722	966
[8.		.. 199	372	262
19.	Rajasthan	.. 1068	2431	1321
20.	Tamil Nadu.	. ". -. 208	672	293
21.		88	531	134
22.	LHfar Pradesh	3134	10060	4139
23.	West Bengal.. • •	861 14653	3253	1062
			44788	17855

Granite exploitation in Bastar District of Madhya Pradesh

880. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:
KUMARI ALIA;

Will the Minister of STBEL AND MINES be pleased to State;

(a) the regions in Bastar district of Madhya Pradesh leased out for granite exploitation;

(b) th$_e$ names of the leassees together with the terms and conditions of the lease;

(c) whether Government propose to take action to encourage Industrial growth in Bastar for employment generations;

(d) what steps are concurrently being taken to ensure that the interests of the tribah are protected; they are not displaced and the ecological balance is maintained in spite of these mining activities; and

(e) what benefits are likely to accrue to the local tribals because of these mining activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI BASAVARAJ PATIL): (a) Quarry leases for exploitation of granite **have**